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**May 11, 2024**

**Subject: Comments on Proposed Tampa Electric Rate Adjustment**  
**Reference: Page 8 of 8. Proposed Rate Changes & Charges (copy**  
**enclosed with this letter.)**

**Dear Sir/Madame:**

**I oppose the proposed rate changes as they are currently written.**

**Background:**

- 1. Two groups of Florida Residents have suffered the most from 2 hurricanes and 8+% Inflation. Yet, no provision has been provided for any relief in the proposed rate increases. The Disabled Veterans and Low Income Florida Residents live on fixed incomes and limited opportunity to increase their incomes.**
- 2. The least able group, Disabled Veterans, are facing rampant cost of living increases in every basic area of living; food, housing, and transportation. Now TECO's proposed rate increases are poised to add utility cost to the list.**
- 3. The State of Florida has in place, at all levels of government, provisions for Disabled Veteran benefits. None of these programs are a burden to the State of Florida. They range from auto tags to property tax discounts to name a few.**

**Proposed Solution:**

- 1. Reject the current proposed TECO rate increases.**
  
- 2. Allow TECO to resubmit new proposed rate changes, which include relief for Disabled Veterans as a benefit for their service.**
  
- 3. The new benefit would be non-burdensome to TECO using currently accepted official ID. A letter from the Veteran's Administration identifying the Veteran is disabled and an official Florida ID card are readily available to all Disabled Veterans. This meets the qualifying burden of proof.**
  
- 4. The current proposed rate increases are far beyond the 8+% inflation rate and should be considered excessive, another reason for rejection.**
  
- 5. TECO has fully committed to alternative lower cost power generation, i.e. solar collection power farms. This should be further encouraged with incentives. What should not be encouraged is excessive profiteering during a time of wide spread hardship.**

**Summary:**

**Reject the proposed rate changes in Docket 20240026-EL. Reconsider a new proposal, which would includes a benefit for Disabled Veterans and low income families. Encourage further commitment to lower cost power generation. Limit rate increases to no more than the current inflation rate.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Huff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**David R. Huff**

## How the proposed changes in rates and charges may affect your bill

The following tables show how the proposed rates and service charges compare with what you pay today.

### Residential and Small Commercial Rate Summary

Rates and Basic Service Charges				
	Current	Proposed 2025	Proposed 2026	Proposed 2027
<b>Standard Residential Rate (RS)</b>				
Basic Service Charge	71¢ per day	\$1.07 per day	\$1.14 per day	\$1.18 per day
Energy and Demand Charge				
First 1,000 kWh	6.650¢ per kWh	7.491¢ per kWh	7.947¢ per kWh	8.275¢ per kWh
All additional kWh	7.802¢ per kWh	8.491¢ per kWh	8.947¢ per kWh	9.275¢ per kWh
<b>Residential Service Variable Pricing (RSVP-1)</b>				
Basic Service Charge	71¢ per day	\$1.07 per day	\$1.14 per day	\$1.18 per day
Energy Charge	7.012¢ per kWh	7.899¢ per kWh	8.380¢ per kWh	8.725¢ per kWh
<b>Standard General Service, Non-Demand (GS)</b>				
Basic Service Charge				
Metered Accounts	75¢ per day	\$1.27 per day	\$1.35 per day	\$1.40 per day
Un-metered Accounts	63¢ per day	\$1.06 per day	\$1.12 per day	\$1.17 per day
Energy Charge	7.862¢ per kWh	6.806¢ per kWh	7.210¢ per kWh	7.500¢ per kWh
<b>General Service, Non-Demand Time-of-Day (GST)</b>				
Basic Service Charge	75¢ per day	\$1.27 per day	\$1.35 per day	\$1.40 per day
Energy and Demand Charge				
Peak Hours	12.317¢ per kWh	9.912¢ per kWh	10.500¢ per kWh	10.922¢ per kWh
Off-Peak Hours	6.331¢ per kWh	5.374¢ per kWh	5.693¢ per kWh	5.921¢ per kWh
Super Off-Peak Hours	N/A	4.983¢ per kWh	5.278¢ per kWh	5.490¢ per kWh

### Summary of Service Charges

Type of Charge	Current	Proposed
Initial Connection	\$112	\$168
Normal Reconnect Subsequent Subscriber	\$10	\$15
Reconnect after Disconnect at Pole for Cause	\$185	\$175
Reconnect after Disconnect at Meter for Cause	\$12	\$18
Field Visit	\$25	\$37
Tampering Charge without Investigation	\$50	\$75
Temporary Service	\$320	\$480

### About the Rate Review Process

Unlike the prices of many essential items that can change at any time, the amount you pay for electricity is closely regulated, with rate changes requiring approval from an independent regulator - the Florida Public Service Commission. The Commission's mission is to facilitate the efficient provision of safe and reliable utility services at fair prices. This means the Commission oversees all rates and charges for electric service provided by utilities, such as Tampa Electric Company. To adjust rates, utilities must file a request with the Commission, which conducts

a review process that mirrors a legal proceeding with testimony and formal hearings.

A summary of Tampa Electric's rate request and copies of supporting documents are available at [TampaElectric.com/2025Filing](https://www.tampaelectric.com/2025Filing). The Petition & Minimum Filing Requirements can also be found on the Commission's website at [FloridaPSC.com/Clerks-Office-Dockets-Level2?DocketNo=20240026](https://www.floridapsc.com/Clerks-Office-Dockets-Level2?DocketNo=20240026)

### Timeline of Activities

The Commission has established the following dates to govern the key activities of the process:

Quality of Service Hearings	June 10, 11 and 13, 2024
Technical Hearing	August 26 - 30, 2024

The rate review process generally takes the better part of a year, and additional activities will be posted publicly on the Commission's website as scheduled.